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SUBJECT: REPORT TO THE CONGRESS ON ROKG COOPERATION WITH
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATIONS.

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A REPORT WHICH WAS
TRANSMITTED TO THE CONGRESS BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF
STATE BENNET MAY 9 ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT. THIS IS
THE THIRD REPORT IN THE SERIES ON ROKG COOPERATION WITH
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATIONS.

2. BEGIN TEXT

COOPERATION BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WITH JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATIONS

(A) THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 28
OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1977
(PUBLIC LAW 95-92), ENACTED AUGUST 4, 1977. SUBSECTION (A)
(2) OF SECTION 28 REQUESTS THAT THE PRESIDENT REPORT TO
THE CONGRESS EVERY NINETY DAYS CONCERNING QUOTE THE EXTENT
TO WHICH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IS COOPERATING WITH UNQUOTE
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THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGATIONS
OF IMPROPER ACTIVITY IN THE UNITED STATES BY AGENTS OF
THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. THE PRESENT REPORT SUPPLEMENTS

PREVIOUS REPORTS SUBMITTED ON THIS SUBJECT ON NOVEMBER 4,
1977 AND FEBRUARY 3, 1978.

(B) PURSUANT TO THE JOINT UNDERSTANDINGS AND MUTUAL PROSECUTION ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND REPUBLIC OF KOREA GOVERNMENTS CONCLUDED IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY (REPORTED IN THE FEBRUARY 3, 1978 REPORT TO THE CONGRESS), KOREAN BUSINESSMAN TONGSUN PARK RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES AND WAS ADMITTED UNDER THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S AUTHORITY ON FEBRUARY 26 AS A VOLUNTARY WITNESS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.

(C) FROM FEBRUARY 26 UNTIL HIS DEPARTURE ON APRIL 7 TO RETURN TO KOREA, MR. PARK WAS INTERVIEWED BY JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATORS, APPEARED AS A WITNESS BEFORE THE GRAND JURY, AND APPEARED AS A WITNESS IN BOTH CLOSED AND OPEN HEARINGS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT, AND AT CLOSED HEARINGS OF THE SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEE. HE WAS ALSO CALLED BY THE DEFENSE AS A WITNESS IN THE TRIAL OF MR. HANCHO KIM. ALTHOUGH MR. PARK WAS AVAILABLE TO TESTIFY, IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO CALL HIM AS A WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN RICHARD HANNA BECAUSE MR. HANNA ENTERED HIS GUILTY PLEA PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE TRIAL.

(D) THE UNDERSTANDINGS AND MUTUAL PROSECUTION ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA REMAIN IN EFFECT. UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS REQUESTED THAT MR. TONGSUN PARK RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES AGAIN IN MID MAY FOR FURTHER QUESTIONING BY THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA HAS ASSURED US THAT IT WILL AGAIN FACILITATE MR. PARK'S TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON AS REQUESTED.
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